

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The specification has been amended to include section headings and to correct typographical errors.

Replacement drawings are submitted for Figures 3 and 4 to address the drawing objection noted in the Official Action.

In Figure 3, reference numeral 12 on the far right-hand side of the figure is changed to reference numeral 14 to avoid duplicate reference numerals 12 and to denote the further collection belt as disclosed on page 5, lines 4-7 of the application as filed. Reference numeral 12 in the center of the page denotes a suitable container for collecting impurities as disclosed on page 5, lines 1-3.

In Figure 4, reference numerals 3 and 11 are added. These reference numerals indicate the collection belt 3 and the belt for collecting impurities 11 that is inside and parallel to the collection belt 3. As seen in Figure 4 and as disclosed on page 4, lines 29-35 of the application as filed, the belt for collecting impurities 11 has a filtering grain finer than that of collection belt 3.

The above-noted changes are the only changes, are believed to address the drawing objection noted in the Official Action, and are not new matter.

Claims 1-23 were previously pending in the application. Claim 6 is canceled and new claim 25 is added. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7, 23 and 25 are presented for consideration.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 6-8 and 17. In reliance thereon, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 6, and claim 17 is rewritten in independent form as new claim 25.

The rejections over LENHART 4,560,060, SAROVICH 4,136,767, BRINK 6,161,560, PEETERS 5,924,217, and ASFOUR 3,770,112 are believed moot because the claims remaining in the application are directed to an allowable claim or depend from an allowable claim.

Since the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowable or depend from an allowable claim and since the formal matters are believed addressed, the application is believed in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a Replacement Sheet for Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 3 and 4. This sheet, which includes Figures 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet including Figures 3 and 4.

In Figure 3, reference numeral 12 on the right-hand side of the drawing is changed to reference numeral 14 to indicate the further collection belt.

In Figure 4, reference numerals 3 and 11 are added, consistent with Figure 3, to show belt 11 having a filtering grain finer than that of the collection belt 3.